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PUBLICITY FOR SECRECY — Students at Grinnell College picket agent of Central Intelligence Agency on the Iowa campus to interview prospective recruits for espionage.

Grinnell College Students Picket Recruiter For CIA

Grinnell, Iowa, Feb. 15 (AP)—The Central Intelligence Agency, which ordinarily operates so secretly even most congressmen do not know what they are doing, was thrust into the limelight today by a student picket line.

Nine Grinnell College students carried signs protesting a campus visit by a CIA agent who was interviewing prospective employees for the nation's top spy agency.

The CIA man, who identified himself as Charles R. Pecinovsky of St. Louis, grinned sheepishly as he strode past youngsters bearing signs saying, "Where there is an invisible government there is no democracy."

No Answers From Agent

Another poster asked:

"What is the CIA REALLY doing in Vietnam? Indonesia? Santo Domingo? Etc., Etc."

But if the Grinnell students expected to get their answers from Pecinovsky, they were disappointed. He refused to talk to them and said he was only on campus to interview possible job applicants.

the CIA and its secret policies and undercover government, as it were," said Bill Downey, a freshman from White Plains, N.Y.

"We are trying to raise questions and get people talking," added Muffie Meyer, a coed from Chicago.

Most of the pickets were members of a group called Students for a Democratic Society.

Teased By Other Students

Other students walked past the pickets and teased them with questions like, "Have you solved the problems of the world yet?"

The husky Pecinovsky interviewed seven students, including one youth wearing a suitably conspiratorial beard.

He said he had never been picketed on his recruiting visits to other colleges.

Officials of Grinnell, a liberal arts school of some 1,100 students about 50 miles east of Des Moines, said they did not mind picketing so long as it remained peaceful and did not disrupt things.

The CIA was not saying how

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